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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF WRITTEN
STATEMENT BY CH'EN CHU ISSUED TO PRESS BY TAIWAN
GARRISON COMMAND (TGC) AT TIME OF HER RELEASE ON
JULY 6, AS REPORTED IN LOCAL CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS
BEGIN QUOTE. IN THE PAST NINE YEARS, I HAVE ALWAYS
THOUGHT THAT I HAVE BEEN IN PURSUIT OF AN IDEAL.
IN THE PAST NINE YEARS, I HAVE ALWAYS SPARED NO EFFORT
IN SEEKING FOR AN IDEAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH
I HAD NO CHOICE AND MADE NO DISTINCTION OF WHAT IS RIGHT
AND WRONG. THUS, I WAS CONVINCED THAT I HAD AN
IRREPLACEABLE SENSE OF MISSION WHICH FORCED ME TO THINK
THAT MY OPPOSITION WAS FOR JUSTICE AND I SUFFERED FOR
JUSTICE AND TRUTH. FOR A YOUTH WITH ROMANCE AND
ENTHUSIASM, THIS SENSE OF MISSION ONLY GIVES A YOUTH
UNJUSTIFIED COURAGE AND TRAGIC HEROISM. THE PEOPLE,
EVENTS AND THINGS AROUND ME HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN ME AN
UNHEALTHY UNDERSTANDING. THEREFORE, I DIDN'T BELIEVE
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IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SINCERITY AND EFFORTS. I FOLLOWED
BLINDLY AND I WALKED FORWARD BLINDLY.

HOWEVER, IN THE PAST TEN DAYS, I HAVE HAD MANY FEELINGS.
IN THE OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT TWO WORLDS, I HAVE RID
MYSELF OF MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND PREJUDICE. I
HAVE BEEN TREATED WELL SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY.

I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT ALL FRIENDS ON EQUAL
STAND. I KNOW THAT I WAS WRONG. I KNOW THAT IN THE
PAST I LOOKED AT THE SKY FROM THE BOTTOM OF A WELL
AND THEREFORE THE SKY WAS ALWAYS DARK AND NARROW. I
KNOW IT IS UNFAIR TO DENY THE WHOLE BY PART OF IT.
I THOUGHT THAT I WAS ENGAGED IN REDUCING THE HARDSHIPS
AND SUFFERINGS OF ALL PEOPLE. MY DEVIATION IN IDEO-
LOGY LEAD TO MY ERRORS IN BEHAVIOR WHICH BROUGHT
MUCH MORE SUFFERINGS TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

IN THE PAST TEN DAYS, FRIENDS EXPLAINED TO ME WITH
PATIENCE FROM EVERY ANGLE THE REASONS OF EVENTS AND
HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE FACTS AND KEYPOINTS
OF THINGS SO AS TO PROVE THAT ALTHOUGH THE PURPOSE
OF MY THINKING IS LOVELY, WHAT I ADVOCATED AND WHAT
I HAVE DONE ARE TOO IGNORANT AND TOO FOOLISH. I
HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED THE UGLINESS AND PERSONAL
DESIRES COVERED BY A BEAUTIFUL SURFACE. BECAUSE OF
MY BELIEF IN THE GOOD NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS, I
HAVE TRUSTED TOO MUCH IN OTHERS WITHOUT DOUBT. NINE
YEARS HAVE PASSED. WHO WASTED MY BEAUTIFUL NINE YEARS?
IN THE PAST NINE YEARS, WHAT HAVE I DONE? IN A
SUDDEN REFLECTION, THE NINE YEARS ARE BUT A LONG
NIGHTMARE.

IF YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TO THE NATION AND
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SOCIETY, WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO DESTROY? YOU
DESTROY AT WILL THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE
WHO WORKED INDUSTRIOUSLY DAY AND NIGHT.

THESE REMARKS OF THE ELDERS MAKE ME FEEL SHAMED. IT
IS NOT THAT I DON'T HAVE THE CONSCIENCE OF KNOWING WHAT
IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. I HAVE STRONG PATRIOTISM
AND ASPIRATION. IT IS THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WASTED
MY ABILITY IN A WRONG WAY. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT MEAN
TO DO HARM TO PEOPLE, THEY WERE HARMED INDIRECTLY BY
ME. WHAT A GREAT SIN IT IS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE
LOVING CALL OF MY AGED PARENTS AT THE COUNTRY HOME
MAKES ME FEEL MORE GUILTY. I CANNOT HELP ASKING
MYSELF: WHY HAVE I DONE THESE THINGS?

IN THE FUTURE, I WOULD LIKE TO END THE LIFE OF THE
PAST NINE YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW BEGINNING.
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY DAYS WILL BE NEEDED TO BUILD
THE FUTURE. WHAT I WOULD DO IS TO WAIT.
FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR MYSELF, I DON'T HAVE ANY REQUEST.
I MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY MISTAKES. BUT, IF THE
RETURN OF A PRODIGAL SON IS VALUABLE, I ASK FOR A CHANCE

OF REFRESHING MYSELF. I WOULD LIKE TO INFLUENCE MY
YOUNG FRIENDS WITH MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND TO ACT
AS A BRIDGE FOR CONSTRUCTING A SOCIETY OF HARMONY.
AT A TIME WHEN THE NATION IS IN DANGER, WE MUST
TRANSFER THE BLOCKING FORCE INTO THE HELPING FORCE.
IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE MAGNANIMITY WHICH THE GOVERN-
MENT SHOWS TO ME WILL MOVE MANY FRIENDS, INCLUDING
THOSE IN FOREIGN LANDS. THEY WILL BE MOVED BY THE LOVE
AND TOLERANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

AS A CITIZEN, IN ORDER TO REWARD THE GOVERNMENT FOR
ITS MAGNANIMITY, I WILL STICK TO THE
ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND AND WILL HELP PREVENT WITHOUT
EXCUSE THE EXPANSION AND INFILTRATION OF THE COMMUNISM.
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MY LIFE OF THE PAST NINE YEARS HAS MADE ME TOO TIRED
AND THE PAST TEN DAYS HAVE GIVEN ME A FEELING WHICH IS
HARD TO EXPLAIN. THE LAW ALWAYS PREVAILS AND FREEDOM
IS VALUABLE.

I SHALL ALWAYS BE THANKFUL FOR THE NICE TREATMENT,

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THE RESPECT AND THE LOVE OF FRIENDS AT THE
HEADQUARTERS. THE SERIOUS AND CAREFUL WORKING AT-
TITUDES AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE FRIENDS COMMAND
MY SINCERE ADMIRATION. END QUOTE. UNGER

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